

## Message Text

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ACTION PM-03

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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1107

INFO USDEL JEC PARIS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 15450

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, VS

SUBJECT: MILITARY SITUATION IN MR-3

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION AMEMBASSY SAIGON INFO USDAO SAIGON 14 DEC 74  
REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO

QUOTE BIEN HOA 638

REF: BIEN HOA 637

1. OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN PHUOC LONG PROVINCIAL CAPITAL INFORMS US  
BY TELEPHONE DUC PHONG DISTRICT TOWN AND NEW BO DUC RESETTLE-  
MENT SITE (ALSO IDENTIFIED AS NEW BO DUC DISTRICT) WERE  
OVERRUN BY NVA/VC FORCES AT 1100 HOURS DEC 14 THE PROVINCE  
CHIEF HAS REPORTEDLY WITHDRAWN TO A NEARBY RF OUTPOST TO  
REGROUP WITH AN RF COMPANY FOR A FURTHER DEFENSE EFFORT. PREVIOUS  
REPORTS HAVE INDICATED THAT THE BINH PHUOC LOCAL FORCES BATTALION  
WAS ATTACKING AT DUC PHONG AND THAT UNIDENTIFIED COMMUNIST SAPPERS  
WERE ASSAULTING NEW BO DUC.

2. DUC PHONG WOULD BE THE FIRST ESTABLISHED DISTRICT TOWN IN MR3  
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TO BE OVERRUN BY NVA/VC FORCES SINCE THE CEASEFIRE. NEW BO DUC

DISTRICT (A RESETTLEMENT SITE) IS A SMALL, TEMPORARY PHENOMENON.  
SIGNED PETERS UNQUOTE MARTIN

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